

House Resolution No. 2668

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Joe Lakins lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Bonnie Russell, during a solemn ceremony on April 29, 1955, in Crane, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Joe and Bonnie Lakins have had the pleasure of raising two children, Joe Dean Lakins and Douglas Wayne Lakins, and the privilege of spoiling two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joe Lakins has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving as District Marketing Support Manager with Burroughs Banking System, a position from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Bonnie Lakins further distinguished herself as an employee of General Electric Quality Control prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, Joe and Bonnie Lakins derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Lakins, residents of Republic, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on April 24, 2005, at the Republic Community Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joe and Bonnie Lakins and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lakins.

Offered by _____
Representative James Viebrock
District No. 134

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2668, adopted April 28, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker